[27th February 1956

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYATCHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Government considered these resolutions and necessary orders have been passed and communicated to the Association.

Gratuity to retrenched workers of textile mills

* 3156 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the retrenched workers of the textile mills in the State were given any gratuity in 1954 and 1955; and

(*b*) if so, the number that was given such gratuity and the total amount given?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) During 1954, 144 persons were given gratuity amounting to Rs. 18,249–9–7. During 1955, there was no retrenchment up to 1st October 1955.

Loans to agriculturists under Community Projects and National Extension Service Schemes

* 3157 *Q.*—SRI P. K. MOOKIAH THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the maximum amount fixed for special loans granted to bona fide agriculturists under the Community Projects and National Extension Service Schemes; and

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the hardship felt by the agriculturists in obtaining encumbrance certificates required for the grant of these loans?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The maximum amounts fixed are as follows :—

(i) Loans under the Land Improvements Loans and Agriculturists Loans Act—

	Maximum amount.
	RS.
Individuals	3,000
Co-operative societies and groups of ayacutdars	5,000

(ii) *Loans under Hire Purchase System*—

Electric motor pumpsets	1,500
Oil engine pumpsets	2,000

(*b*) Yes, Sir.